

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

MICHAEL A. EPSTEIN

PHA 23,636A

Serial No.: 10/615,154

Group Art Unit: 2876

Filed: July 8, 2003

Examiner: E. Labaze

Title: USAGE DEPENDENT TICKET TO PROTECT COPY-PROTECTED MATERIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

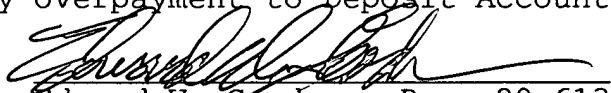
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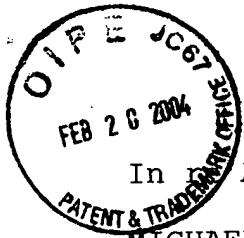

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows: